

Appl. No. 10/634,457
Amdt. dated March 25, 2005
Reply to Office action of November 26, 2004

REMARKS:

The Office Action dated November 26, 2004 has been received and carefully reviewed. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the accompanying terminal disclaimer and the remarks below.

Claims 20-33 are pending in the application, with claims 20, 26, 28 and 32 in independent format. Claims 1-19 have been canceled.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 20-33 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-49 of U.S. Patent No. 6,634,461. A Terminal Disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) to overcome the rejection is attached.

Claims 26 and 32 have been amended to clear up certain typographical errors. Claim 26(a) has been amended to delete the article "a" as duplicative of the remaining article "an". Claim 32(b) has been amended to insert the article "a" to clarify the reference to "respective part". It is believed that no new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

In view of the amendments and terminal disclaimer contained herein, it is respectfully submitted that claims 20-33 as amended are now in condition for allowance.

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In the event that the Examiner is of the opinion that the prosecution of this application can be advanced thereby, he is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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